GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COLLISION ON GOA SEA COAST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to collision of a barge with a ship off the Goa Coast, a major environment threat has occurred as reported in the Pioneer dated March 24,2005;

(b) If so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether heavy oil spillage has caused major environmental threat;

(d) If so, whether Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has taken any steps in this regard; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) As per the information furnished by the Goa Pollution Control Board ,a barge, M/V Prapti had collided with a foreign vessel, M/V Maritime Wisdom , resulting in a hole in the fuel tank of the vessel and spilling 87.4 metric tonnes of oil. To mitigate the oil spill and avert a major environmental threat immediate action was taken by the State Government with the assistance of the Coast Guard which have facilities to combat such incidences.